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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS SEMINAR  
MISSION, MAY 1978

1. PARTICIPANTS SOLICITATION FOR SUBJECT EVENT NOW UNDER-WAY. USDOC HOPING FOR SUPPORT OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (EIA) IN APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, PLANNING SEMINAR TOPICS AND SELECTING SEMINAR MISSION PARTICIPANTS. EXTENT OF SUPPORT TO BE CLARIFIED WITH EIA WEEK OF JANUARY 30 WHEN JOHN SODOLSKI, STAFF V.P. OF EIA'S COMMUNICATIONS DIV., RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS.

2. USDOC PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, ALLOWING TIME EACH STOP FOR TWO HALF-DAYS FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND REMAINDER OF STAY FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS APPOINT- UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTS. REQUEST POSTS COMMENTS/CONCURRENCES. (A) KHARTOUM-FOUR FULL DAYS. ARRIVE 1930 HOURS, SUNDAY, MAY 7 - DEPART 0745 HRS., FRIDAY, MAY 12. (B) LIBREVILLE - TWO DAYS. ARRIVE 1125 HRS., SATURDAY, MAY 13. DEPART 1700 HRS.,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. USDOC AWARE MAY 15 IS LOCAL HOLIDAY, BUT ANTICIPATE THAT 2 DAY SCHEDULE FOR LIBREVILLE WILL BE

SUFFICIENT. (C) ABIDJAN - THREE DAYS. ARRIVE 1955 HRS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. LEAVE 2050 HRS., MONDAY, MAY 22.

3. REQUEST POSTS ADVISE TOPICS OF INTEREST LOCALLY FOR USDOC USE IN SEMINAR PLANNING. IDEALLY, PROGRAM TO INCLUDE TOTAL EIGHT PAPERS.

4. PLEASE FURNISH ESTIMATE OF BUDGET REQUIRED FOCUSING SPECIFICALLY ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) IDENTIFY FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HOLDING SEMINAR AND INDICATE RENTAL COSTS FOR SEMINAR ROOM AND SEPARATE ROOM FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER. IDEALLY, IF SPACE WITHIN EMBASSY OR USIS FACILITIES NOT AVAILABLE, SEMINAR SHOULD BE HELD IN SAME HOTEL WHERE MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE STAYING. PLEASE MAKE SPACE RESERVATION

WITHOUT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. (B) WHERE NEEDED, IS SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT READILY AVAILABLE? WHAT ARE COSTS? (C) INDICATE COSTS FOR TEMPORARY HIRE OF SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST AND INTERPRETERS,

5. REQUEST POSTS MAKE ADVANCE HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS PER PARA 2 ABOVE FOR EIGHT SINGLES FOR SEVEN PARTICIPANTS AND ONE COMMERCE COORDINATOR. ALSO, PLEASE RESERVE ONE SUITE FOR USE OF SEMINAR CHAIRMAN/HOSPITALITY SUITE. CONFIRM RESERVATIONS MADE AND ADVISE RATES. CHRISTOPHER UNCLASSIFIED

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